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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Identification of Authors of ERA Intelligence Reports

FROM : Fuels and Power Branch

Smpling of M/FP analysts re: subject discloses:

- a. Most analysts favor the proposal to include the name of the author in the finished intelligence report.
- b. Some analysts were indifferent to the proposal.
- c. No analysts objected to the proposal.

Certain assumptions were made, viz.;

- a. The analyst would have the option of deciding whether his name would be included in the report.
- (X) b. If necessary, action would be taken to make the report available to schools or other agencies in the event that the author needed the report for evidence of his prior accomplishments.
- c. The names of significant contributors would be included in the report along with the name(s) of the principal analyst(s).

Indifference on the part of some analysts was based on:

- (X) (X) a. The belief that sanitized versions of intelligence reports would not be made available to ~~outside~~ institutions outside the US intelligence community, hence no useful purpose would be served by having the author's name included.
- b. Members of the intelligence community could determine the author by routine inquiry.
- c. Analysts whose principal and continuing research is directed to NIS contributions would have no occasion to have their name attributed.
- d. The decreasing effort directed to Branch initiated projects would restrict the number of reports which might justify the author's identification.
- e. The adjustment from the long ~~period~~ history of anonymity.

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*After talking with Tom - I think this was the only point where analysts possibly have voted against*

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